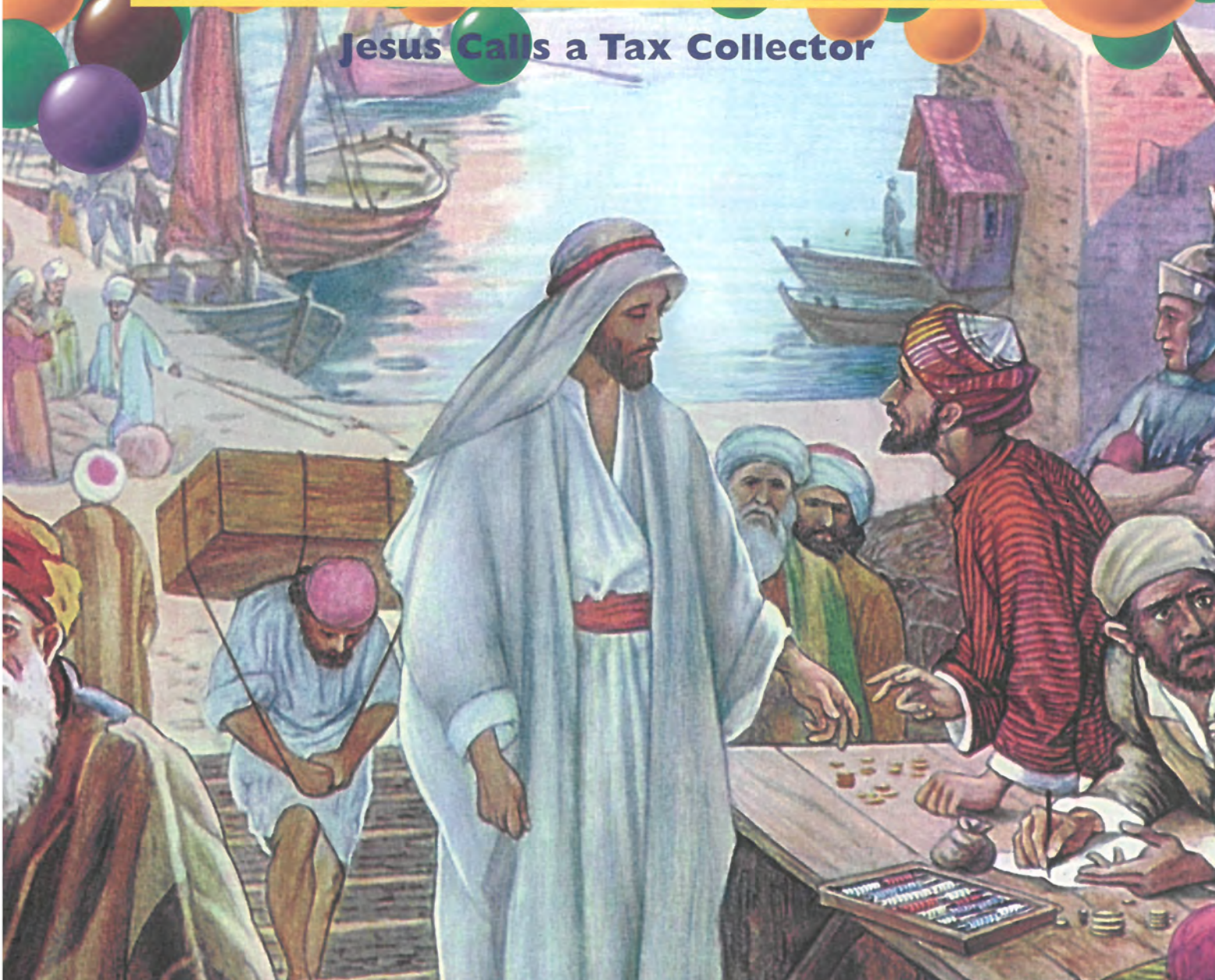


Great Feast

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Jesus Calls a Tax Collector



People didn't like the selfish, greedy tax collectors.

One day, Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his tax collector's table. Jesus said to him, "Follow Me!"

Matthew obeyed Jesus right away. Matthew knew he had done many things wrong. He wanted to do things right from then on. So Matthew followed Jesus.

Matthew invited other tax collectors and sinners to a big party.
Jesus was the guest of honor!

But some selfish people didn't like what they saw.

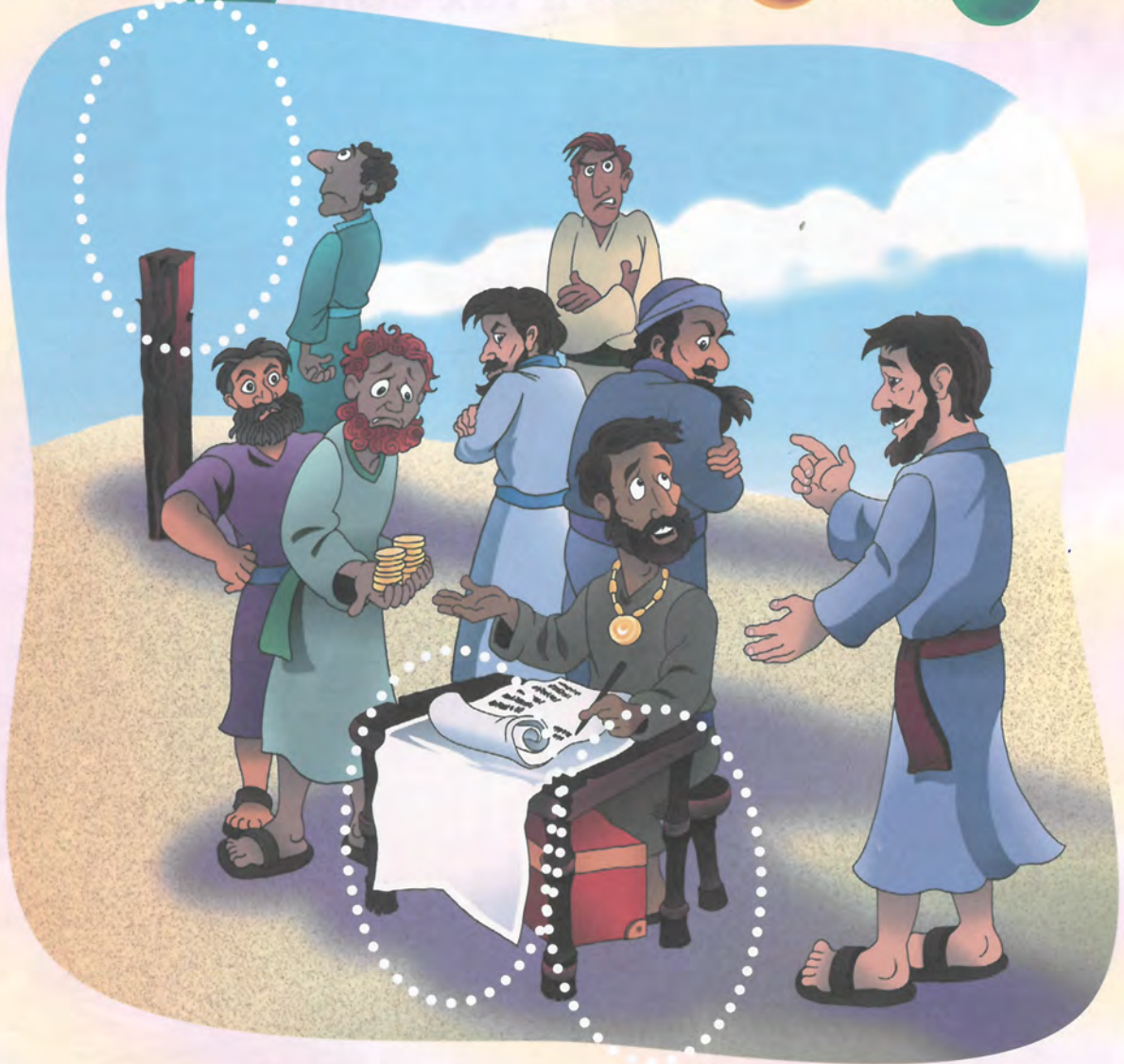
They didn't like Jesus being with tax collectors or sinners.

Jesus told them, "Sick people need help from a doctor. Sinners need help from Me!"

The tax collectors and sinners knew they needed God.
Because of Jesus, they wanted to follow God's way.



Place the stickers to show Jesus inviting Matthew to follow Him.



Parent Partners

Lesson Focus: Jesus' followers invite their friends to meet Jesus. (Luke 5:27-32)

Ways to reinforce this truth with your child:

Ask:

- "What was Matthew's job?"
- "Why didn't people like Matthew?"
- "What did Jesus say to Matthew?"
- "What did Matthew do so his friends could meet Jesus?"

Act:

- Read the Bible story together (or read the summary on the front of this page).
- Learn the Bible verse: Luke 5:29.
"Matthew invited his friends to a party for Jesus."
- With your child, plan a party to tell his or her friends about Jesus.

I Have Good News!

Draw lines from Dee, Cy, and Paul to friends they can tell about Jesus.



Look Who Came to the Party!

Cy discovers that it is never too late to make new friends.



- Paul's father had a barbeque for Paul and his friends. *(Have you ever had a party for you and your friends?)*
- Paul invited Ben, a new boy in the neighborhood, to come to his party. *(Tell about a time when someone new moved to your neighborhood.)*
- Cy hurt Ben's feelings because he didn't welcome Ben to the party. *(How would you welcome a new friend?)*
- Paul told Cy that his old friends were just as special as his new friends. *(How can you make your friends feel special?)*